

cartoon talking about, in 1987 we passed 775 and other tax breaks and there we've got somebody saying, well last year we passed those tax breaks, what will they want this year and of course there's the "dowfous", so to speak, walking along with a plug talking about preferential lower electrical rates and, yeah, okay, well it's 1995 so it's seven years premature but it's likely that we had legislation in 1988. I'm going to check that out, but clearly it was anticipated by some that this was only a matter of time before we talked about doing the step that is being taken with this bill. It came a little later than we thought, but here it is.

SENATOR LINDSAY: Thank you, Senator Wesely. Senator Elmer.

SENATOR ELMER: Thank you, Senator Lindsay. This amendment that is being offered by Senator Chambers is exactly what was represented to us on the Natural Resources Committee by the public power districts involved. There is absolutely nothing wrong with adopting this amendment. In saying the costs, I'd like to say for the transcription record and for anybody that might be looking at this, those costs include the cost of transmission, the cost of generation, the costs of providing the redundant generation for peak load, the actual power itself and all of those particular installations that are required to deliver the electricity and the electricity itself to the enterprise. Of course our public power districts should not subsidize anyone for the delivering of power to any other customer. This assures that that cannot happen and it's 100 percent supported by me and I'm sure most, if not every, constituent that receives electricity in this state. It is very proper to be adopted and I'd urge that you'd do so.

SENATOR LINDSAY: Thank you, Senator Elmer. Senator Beutler.

SENATOR BEUTLER: Senator Lindsay, members of the Legislature, I guess I'm only repeating, as it turns out, what Senator Elmer said. This was the representation made to the committee. I have no knowledge of any problems that anybody has with this. It's in accordance with the philosophies, both of the people inside and outside of the Legislature with respect to these types of services and I can identify no problem with adopting this committee (sic) at this point in time. And I say that only with the caveat that we're working on a very short fuse here and if it turns out to be, if there turns out to be some little more sophisticated or refined language that has the same effect, I